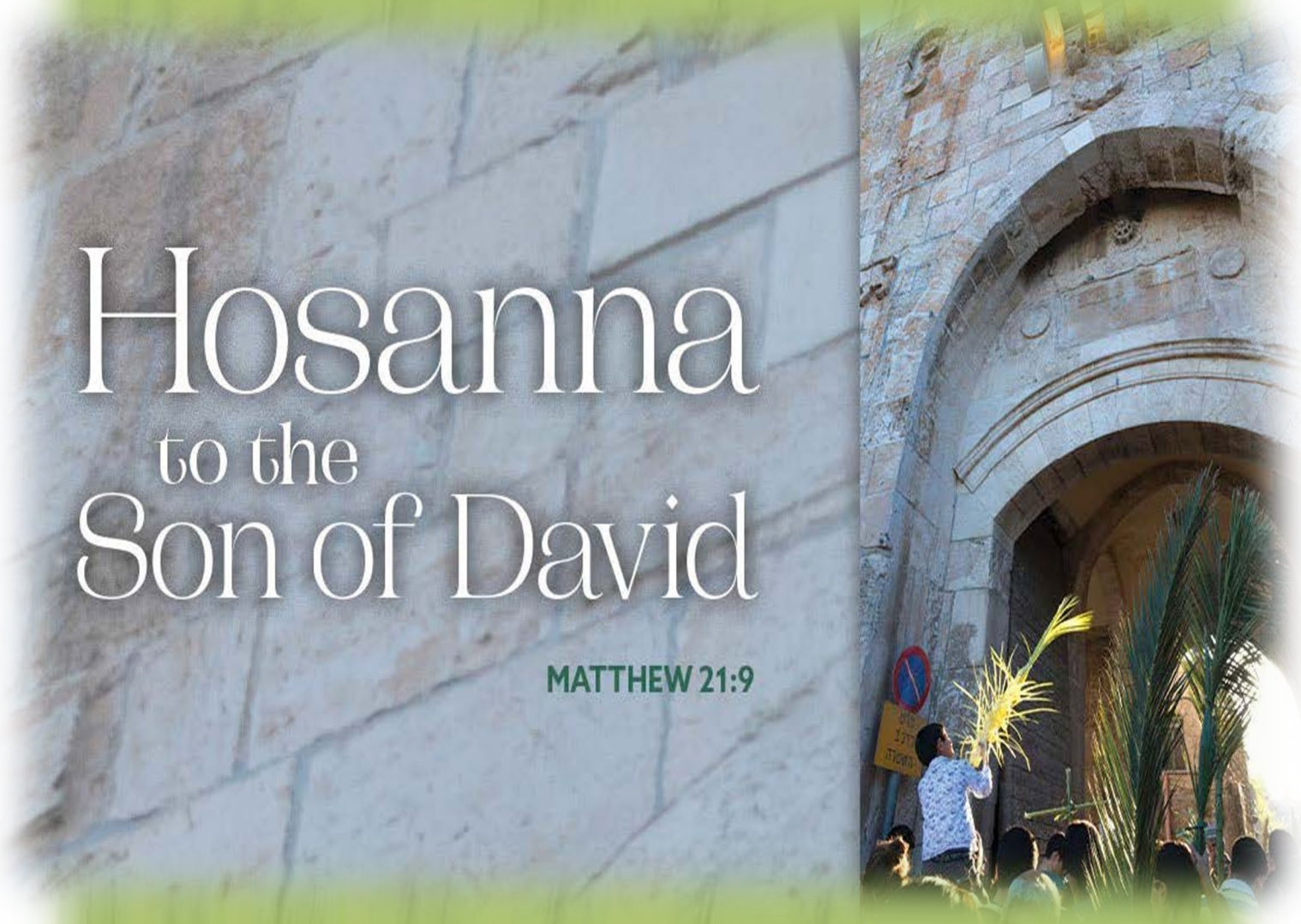


Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

OUR MISSION
GATHERING TO GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, & SERVICE THROUGH CHRIST

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount
of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of
you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them
and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord
needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what
had been spoken through the prophet:
5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey
and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd
spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread
them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were
shouting,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

[10] When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" [11] The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

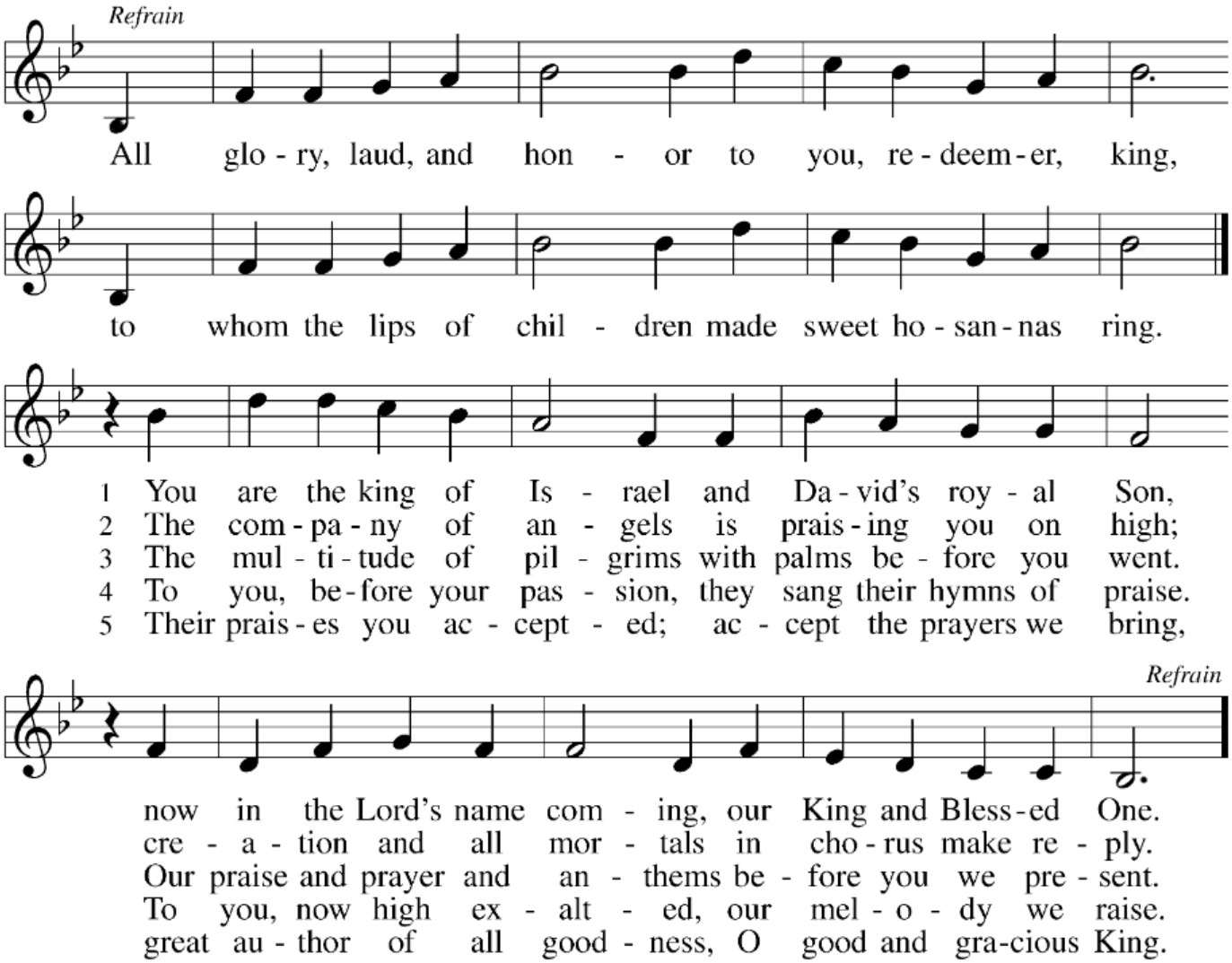
BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.
We praise you, O God,
For redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
And was proclaimed messiah and king
By those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
So that, joined to his death and resurrection,
We enter into life with you;
Through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,
C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*



GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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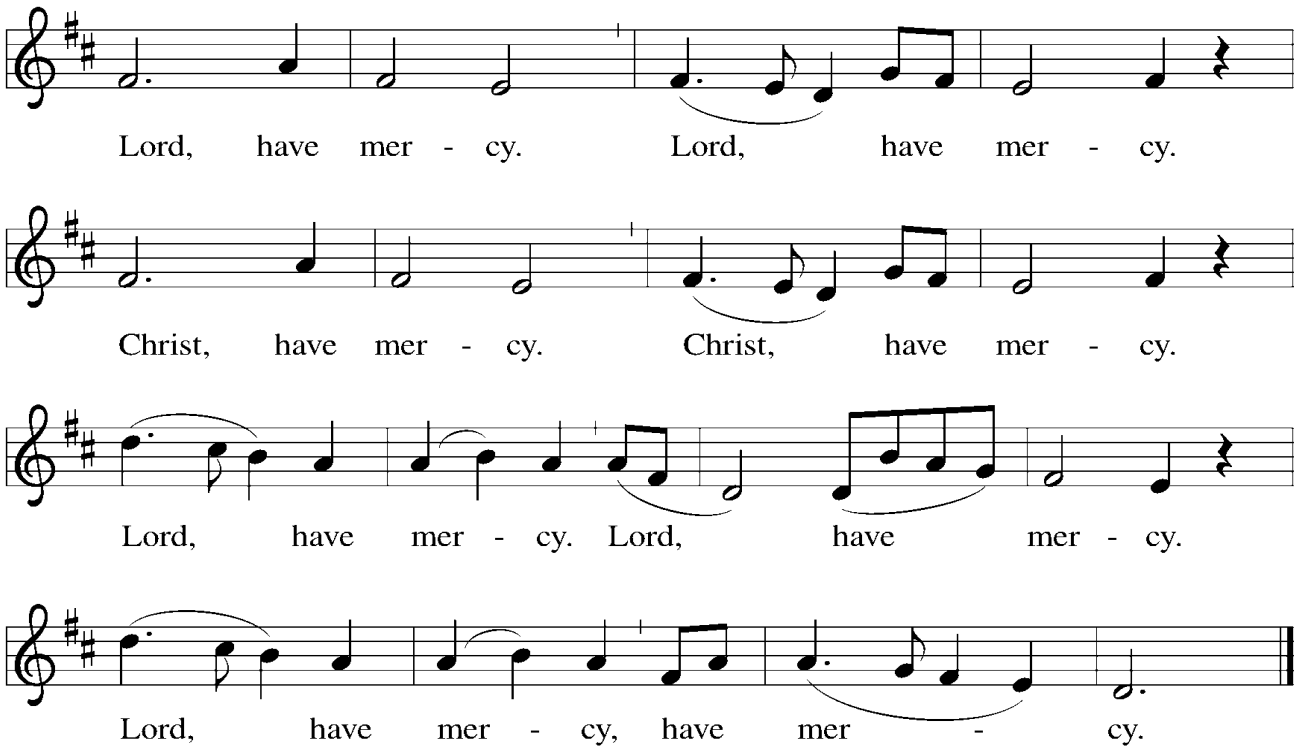

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Emmanuel Handbell Choir

arr. by Larry Sue

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A: A reading from Isaiah.

4 The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
9a It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 31:9-16

P: 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
C: 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
P: 11 I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
C: 12 Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

P: [13] For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
C: [14] But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.
P: [15] My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
C: [16] Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING – Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

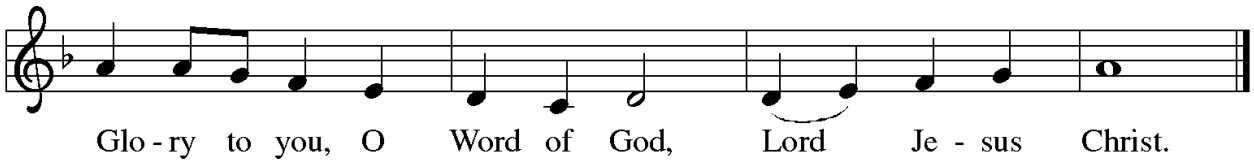
A: A reading from Philippians.

[5] Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
[6] who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,
[7] but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
[8] he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
[9] Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name that is above every other name,
[10] so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11] and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



The proper verse may be sung by a leader. Then the acclamation is repeated.

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GOSPEL – Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

14 One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and
said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of
silver. 16 And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
"Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the
Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The
Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my
disciples.' " 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared
the Passover meal.

20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, 21 and while
they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." 22 And they
became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I,
Lord?" 23 He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me
will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one
by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to
have been born." 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He
replied, "You have said so."

[26] While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he
broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." [27] Then he
took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of
you, [28] for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the
forgiveness of sins. [29] I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until
that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."
[30] When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

[31] Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night, for it
is written,
'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'
[32] "But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." [33] Peter said to him,
"Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." [34] Jesus said to him,
"Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three
times." [35] Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny
you." And so said all the disciples.

[36] Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his
disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." [37] He took with him Peter and
the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. [38] Then he said to
them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with
me." [39] And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My
Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you
want." [40] Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to
Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? [41] Stay awake and pray that
you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is
weak." [42] Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this
cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." [43] Again he came and found them
sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. [44] So leaving them again, he went away and
prayed for the third time, saying the same words. [45] Then he came to the disciples
and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at
hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. [46] Get up, let us be
going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

[47] While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a
large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the
people. [48] Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the

man; arrest him." [49] At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and
kissed him. [50] Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they
came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. [51] Suddenly one of those with Jesus
put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting
off his ear. [52] Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all
who take the sword will die by the sword. [53] Do you think that I cannot appeal to
my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? [54] But
how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this
way?" [55] At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords
and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple
teaching, and you did not arrest me. [56] But all this has taken place, so that the
scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and
fled.

[57] Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the
scribes and the elders had gathered. [58] But Peter was following him at a distance, as
far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in
order to see how this would end. [59] Now the chief priests and the whole council
were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to
death, [60] but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last
two came forward [61] and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of
God and to build it in three days.' " [62] The high priest stood up and said, "Have
you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" [63] But Jesus was silent.
Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell
us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." [64] Jesus said to him, "You have said so.
But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

[65] Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we
still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. [66] What do you think?"
They answered, "He deserves death." [67] Then they spat in his face and struck him,
and some slapped him, [68] saying, "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that
struck you?"

[69] Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him
and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." [70] But he denied it before all of
them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." [71] When he went out to

the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." [72] Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." [73] After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." [74] Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. [75] Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

[27:1] When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. [2] They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

[3] When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. [4] He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." [5] Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. [6] But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." [7] After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. [8] For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. [9] Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, [10] and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

[11] Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." [12] But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. [13] Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" [14] But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

[15] Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. [16] At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. [17] So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" [18] For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. [19] While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

"Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal
because of a dream about him." [20] Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded
the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. [21] The governor again said
to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,
"Barabbas." [22] Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called
the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" [23] Then he asked, "Why,
what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

[24] So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was
beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I
am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." [25] Then the people as a
whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" [26] So he released
Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

[27] Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters,
and they gathered the whole cohort around him. [28] They stripped him and put a
scarlet robe on him, [29] and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on
his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him,
saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" [30] They spat on him and took the reed and struck
him on the head. [31] After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his
own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

[32] As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they
compelled this man to carry his cross. [33] And when they came to a place called
Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), [34] they offered him wine to drink, mixed
with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. [35] And when they had
crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; [36] then
they sat down there and kept watch over him. [37] Over his head they put the charge
against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."
[38] Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his
left. [39] Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads [40] and saying, "You
who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are
the Son of God, come down from the cross." [41] In the same way the chief priests
also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, [42] "He saved
others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from
the cross now, and we will believe in him. [43] He trusts in God; let God deliver him
now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.' " [44] The rebels who were

crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the
afternoon. 46 And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema
sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 When
some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 48 At
once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick,
and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah
will come to save him." 50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his
last. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to
bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened,
and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 After his
resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to
many. 54 Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch
over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,
"Truly this man was God's Son!"
55 Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed
Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, and
Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph,
who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body
of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 So Joseph took the body and
wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 60 and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn
in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went
away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

62 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the
Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor
said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' 64 Therefore
command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise, his disciples
may go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,'
and the last deception would be worse than the first." 65 Pilate said to them, "You
have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." 66 So they went with the
guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

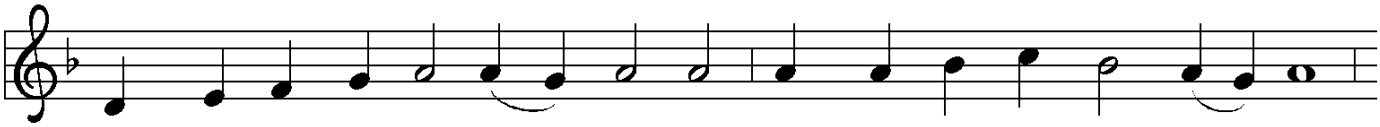
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

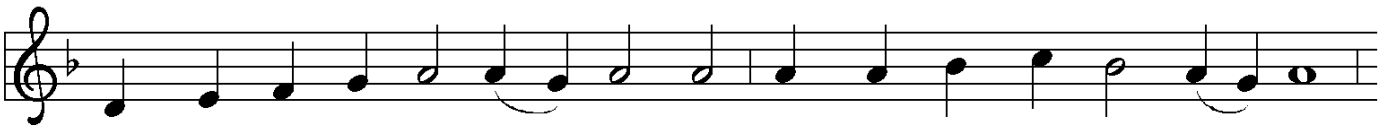
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 490

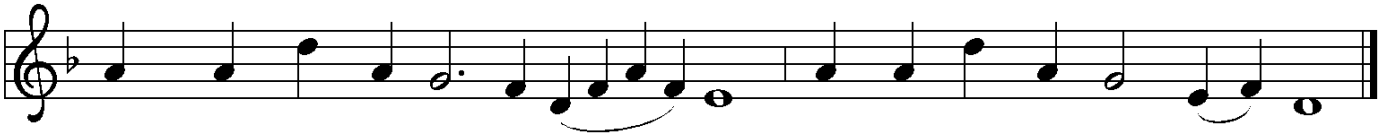
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

NICENE CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally, Bishop Henrik Stubkjær, President of the Lutheran World Federation, ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, Southeast Michigan Synod Bishop Don Kreiss, and Pastor Joshua Rinas. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day. We pray especially for John, Bob, Cora, John, Ed, Craig, Eva, Barb, Suzanne, Eleanor, Dawn, Susan, Matt, Elizabeth, and Caleb. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for Hans Nielsen Hauge and all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
C: Amen.

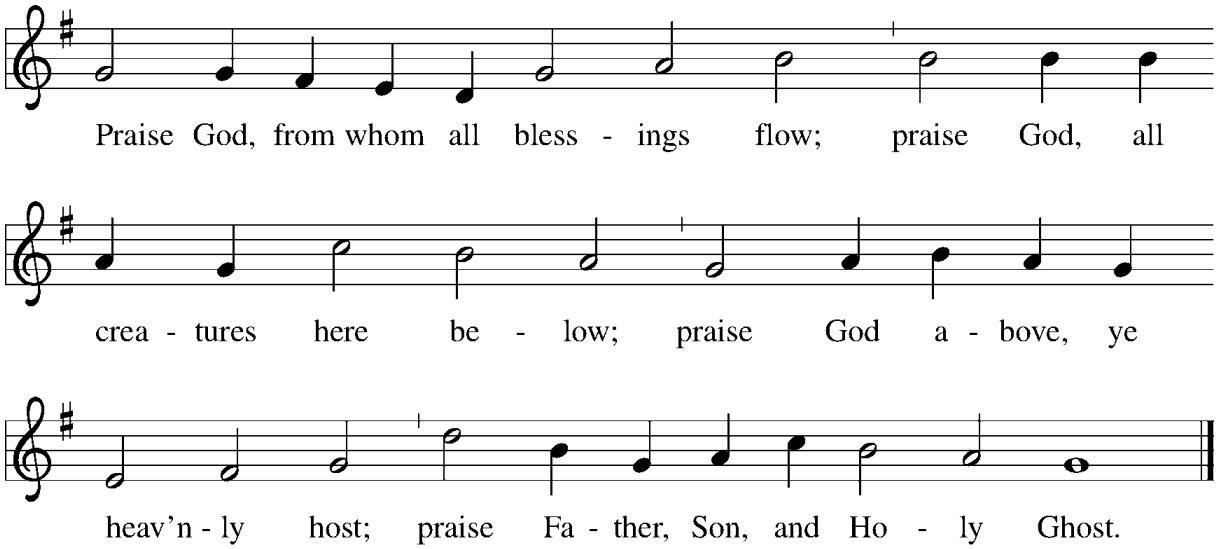
SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

THE MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



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Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Steadfast God, you bless us amid all the changes and chances of life. Grant us servant hearts, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

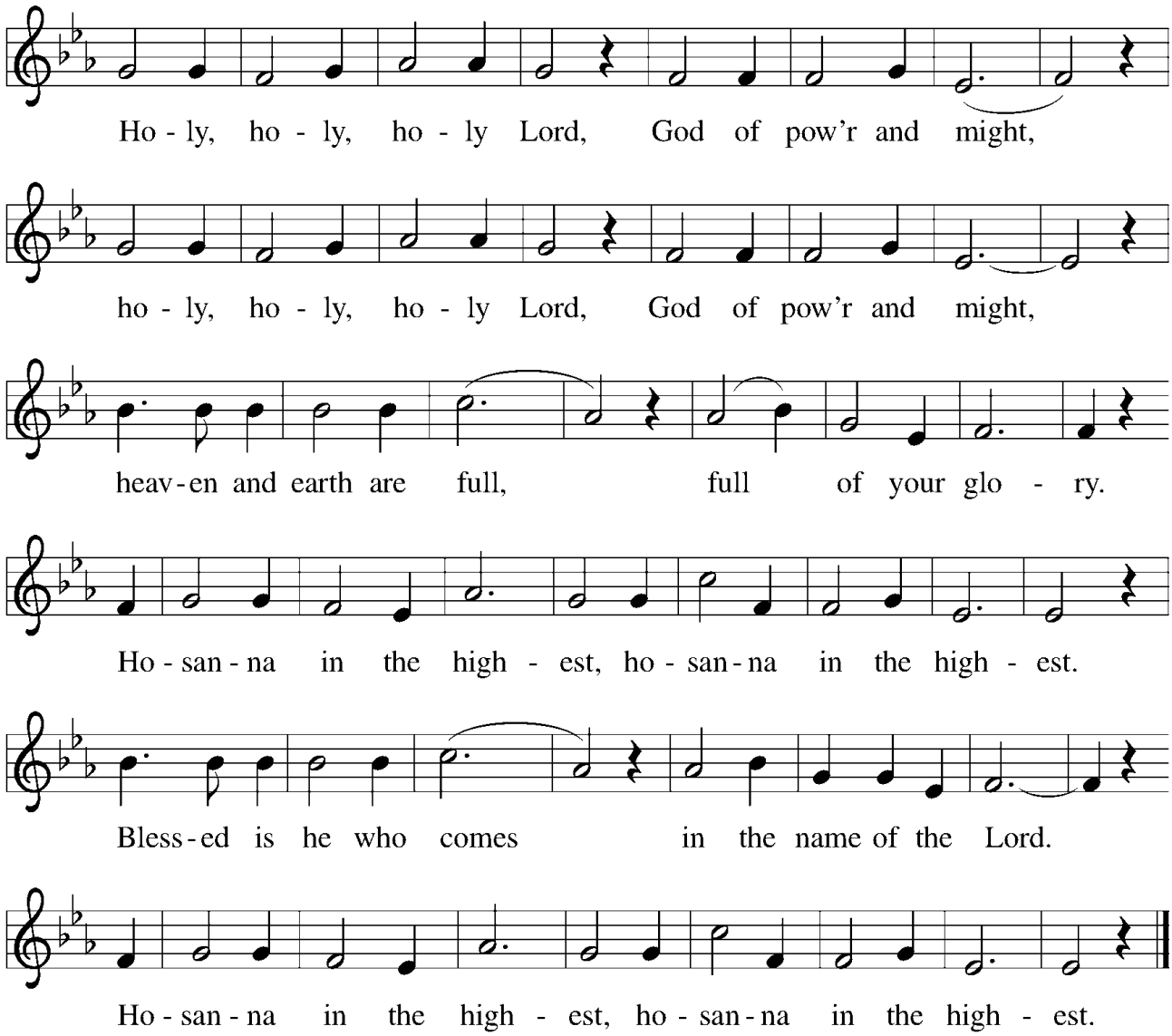
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

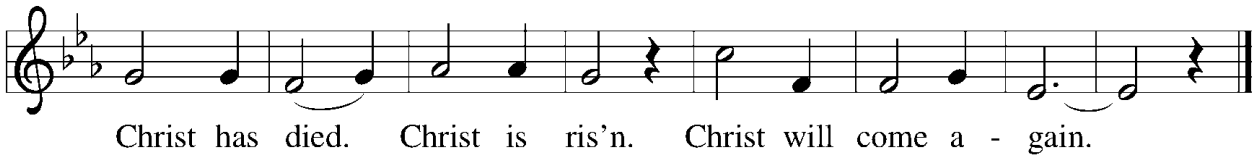
P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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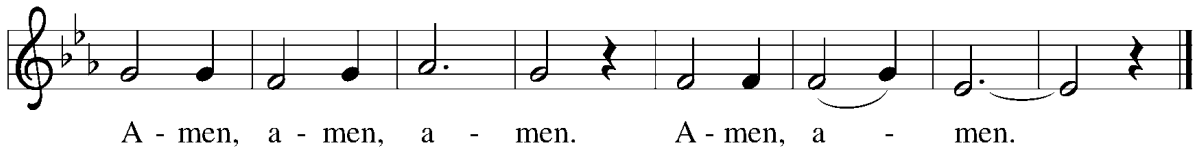
P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of
Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with
justice, peace, and love.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



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LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

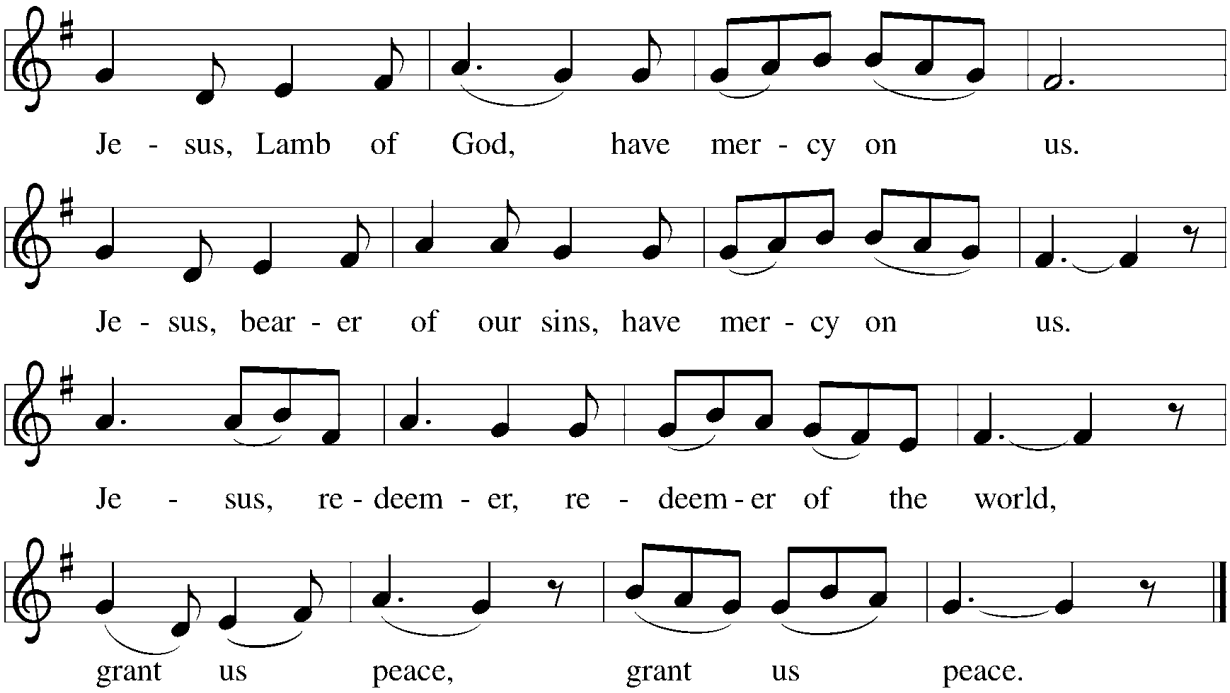
Let us pray together:

O triune God in heaven above, your blessed name we hallow.
Your kingdom come, your will be done in this world as in heaven;
give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven, as we forgive what others do;
in every trial see us through; from evil save us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

LAMB OF GOD



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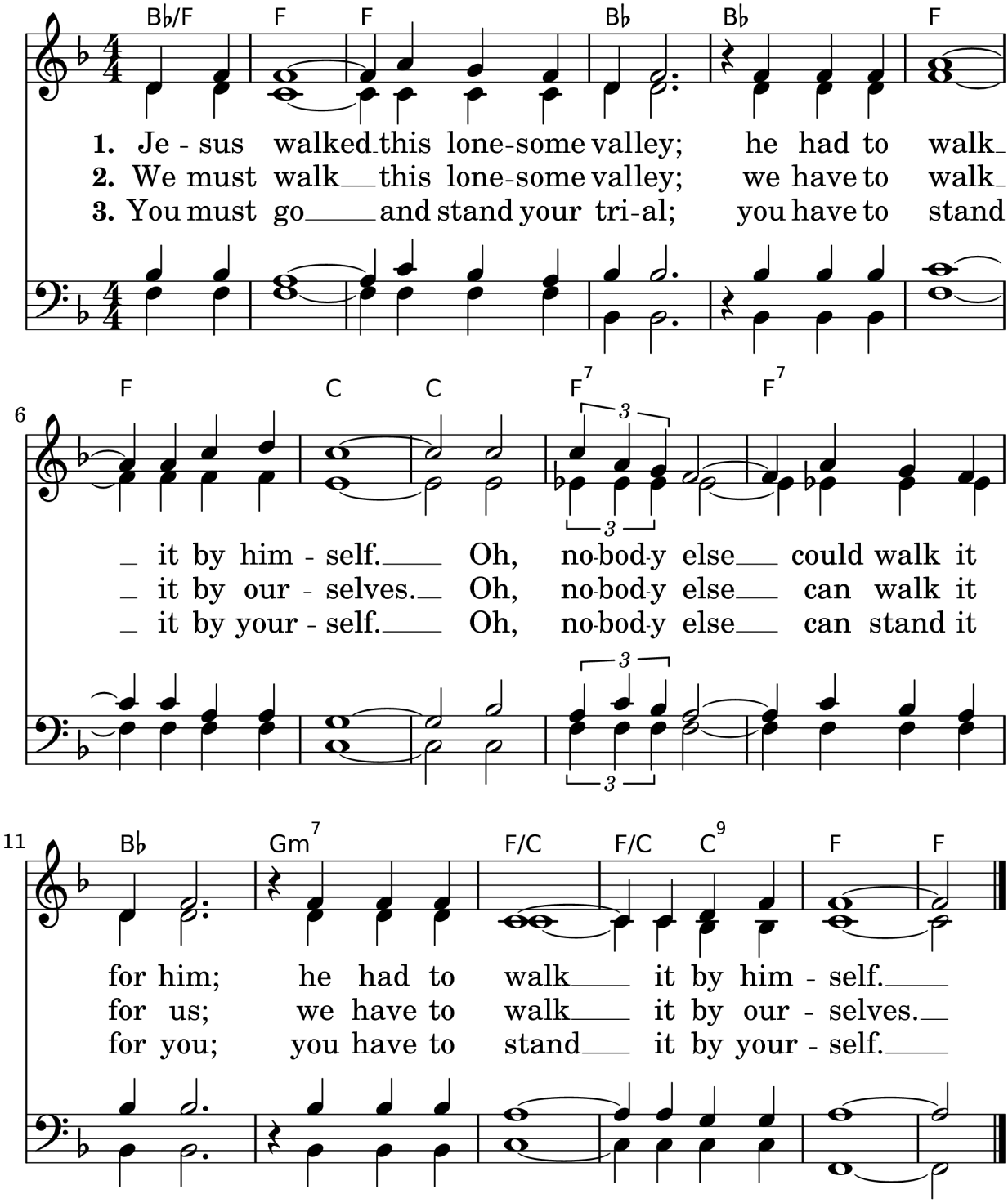
COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"*



Congregation: Unison

The Faith We Sing 2112
WORDS: American folk hymn
MUSIC (LONESOME VALLEY 88.10 8): American folk hymn

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

A: Let us pray.

C: God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

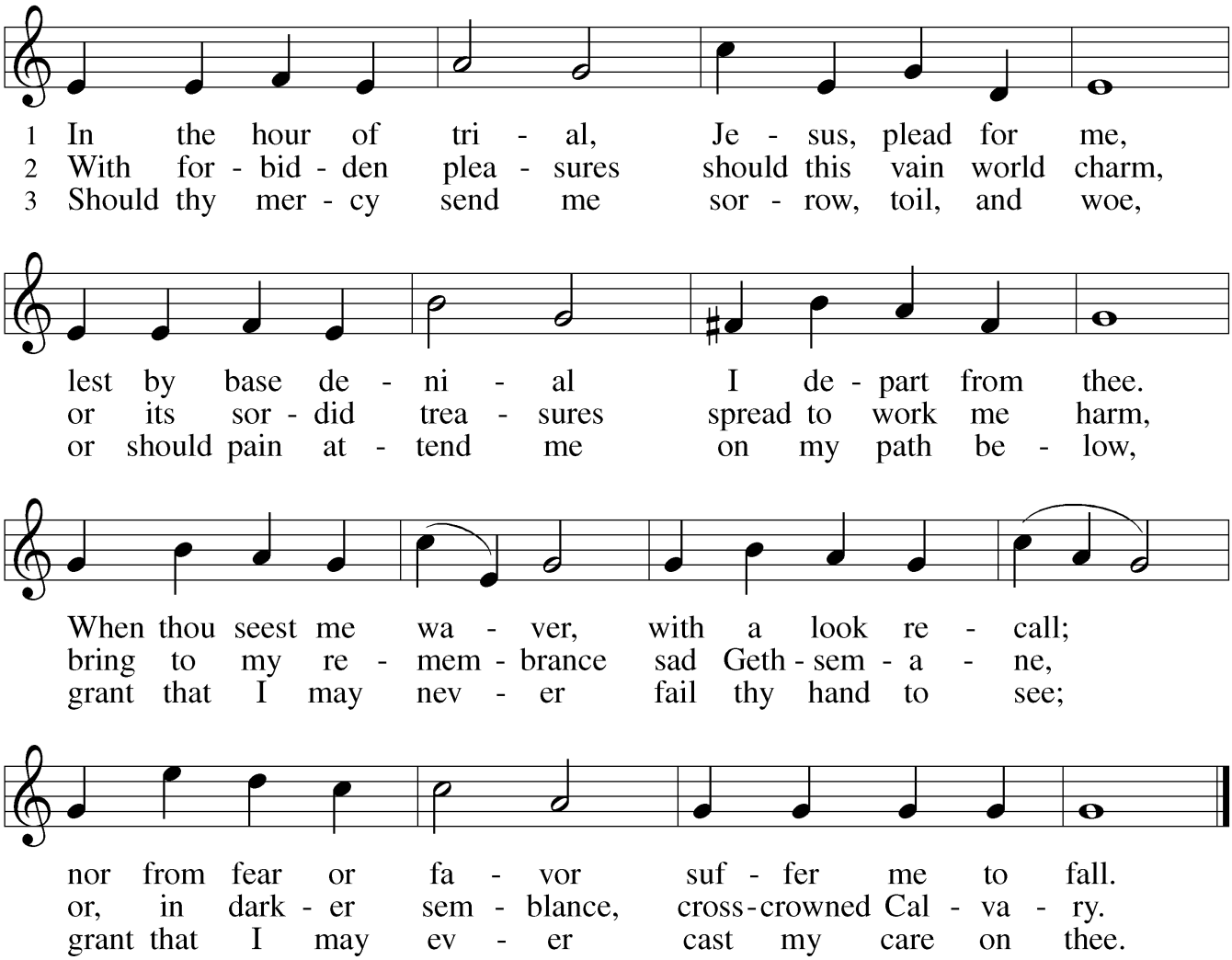
BLESSING

P: The Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways.
In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN LBW 106

"In the Hour of Trial"



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903

DISMISSAL

A: Go now in peace,
for nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 2nd Maundy Thursday - 6 -7pm Pot-luck soup and Bread Supper
@ First Presbyterian
7pm Worship with foot-washing and communion
@ First Presbyterian

Friday, April 3rd Good Friday - 12pm Ecumenical Good Friday Service @Emmanuel Lutheran
7pm Ecumenical Good Friday Service @Emmanuel Lutheran

Sunday, April 5th Celebration of the Resurrection – 10am service @ Emmanuel Lutheran

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Easter/Birthday Sunday

Join us for a Easter/Birthday Brunch following the service. We may have visitors, so let's show them just how hospitable we are here at Emmanuel. Please consider signing up on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering area, to bring a dish or help set up/clean up. Thank you.

Emmanuel Directory

We are going to start working on an updated directory for our Emmanuel Families. There will be papers in the Narthex for you to fill out with any changes to your family information for the directory, or you can email the church office. **We will not take changes after April 12th, so please get your information to the office ASAP!**

Food Pantry Needs

Needed for Food Pantry: plastic grocery bags are preferred, but we will use paper grocery bags! Please leave your donation of bags on the Food Pantry shelves or Clothes Closet donation bin in the Gathering area. Thank you!

2026 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2026 Altar flower sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the office. Once you sign-up for your date, put the form and money in the offering plate or office mailbox.

Financial Progress Report –

Attendance Sunday 3/22/26: 60 (sunny & cool)

This past week (March 16 – March 22) we received income of: $4,682

Approved 2026 Budget: $301,796 ***Needed Weekly:*** $5,804

For the month of February we had:

- ***Income:**** $19,427
- ***Expenses:*** $25.027
- ***February Balance:*** $ (5,600)
  - ***Negative Feb balance due to:***
    - Expenses exceeds income.
    - Ministry Growth Fund Feb report included.

Jan 1st through February 28th , we had:

- ***Income:**** $77,207
- ***Expenses:*** $50,630
- ***YTD Balance:*** $26,577
  - ***Positive YTD balance due to:***
    - Income exceeds expenses.
    - Some members sending their entire pledge in January.
    - Ministry Growth Fund Feb report included.

Last year at February 28, 2025, our YTD balance was $30,268. Thank you for your support.

*Income will not include the change in value of the Ministry Growth Fund investment until after the 15th of the following month.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Assisting Ministers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office, Or through sign-up genius. Click here or Scan QR code

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 31

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 1

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Quilting 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, April 2

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:00pm
- Pot-luck soup and bread supper 6–7pm **@First Presbyterian**
- Worship with foot-washing &communion 7pm **@ First Pres**
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, April 3

- Ecumenical Good Friday Service 12pm @Emmanuel
- Ecumenical Good Friday Service 7pm @Emmanuel
- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Easter/Birthday Brunch 11:00am – Noon

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my husband, Peter, who is celebrating his birthday on April 1st.
Given by Cindy Walline

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Bob, Cora, John, Ed, Craig, Eva, Barb, Suzanne, Eleanor, Dawn, Susan, Matt, Elizabeth, and Caleb.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

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Interim Pastor..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister..... *Suzy Conklin*

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE VULNERABLE AND FOSTERING HOPE.

WE WILL GROW IN ENTHUSIASTIC DISCIPLESHIP AS WE WORSHIP, WELCOME, SERVE, AND STUDY.

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